(c) No, Sir. During the Project Definition phase, foreign consultancy has been availed. For the development phase no decision has yet been taken.

(d) Series production of LCA is likely to commence in 1996. The unit estimated cost is Rs. 10.3 crores at 1984-85 price levels. It is however, dependent on production run, policy on amortization of cost etc.

Imported Equipment Given to Private Clinic by the Cancer Society of Gujarat

3153. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cancer Society of Gujarat has given various imported equipment to a private clinic, the Shah Diagnostic Institute, Baroda/Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether permission from the Government of India has been taken for resale of the Lithotripter and other imported equipment; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to take action in this regard and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Jobs for the Widows of Defence Personnel

3154. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1483 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the rules and guidelines for giving jobs to widows of soldiers and defence employees who die on duty;

(b) the number of army widows who have been given jobs on compassionate grounds during the last three years;

(c) the number of applications from army widows still pending; and

(d) the number of applications from army widows rejected so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Under the Office Memorandum of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms No. 14024|6|77-Est. (D) dated 31-12-1979, it has been provided that for the purpose of appointment to Group C and D posts under the Central Government filled through the employment exchange, upto 2 members each of the families of defence services personnel killed in service or severely disabld (with over 50 per cent disability and who have become unfit for employment, disability being attributable to military service) whether during war time or peace time are given priority IIA. Such requests of dependents are to be registered with the Ex-servicemen Cell, Director General of Employment and Training, Ministry of Labour which has to provide the necessary sponsorship and employment assistance. The death or disability has to be attributable to military service.

When a Government servant (including personnel serving in Armed Forces) dies in harness leaving his family in immediate need of assistance, when there is no other earning member in the family, a son/daughter/near relative of the deceased is eligible for compassionate appointment to a Group 'C' or 'D' post against direct recruitment quota, in relaxation of Employment Exchange Staff Selection Commission recruitment procedures. The death need not be attributable to service. The orders in this regard issued from time to time have been consolidated and issued by the Department of Personnel and Training in their Office Memorandum No.

14014|6|86-Est(D) dated 30th June, 1987. Other main principles to be followed in making such compassionate appointments as given in these instruciions are as follows:—

(i) The family is in immediate need of assistance and there is no other earning member in the family.

(ii) The applicant should be eligible and suitable for the post in all respects under the provisions of the relevant recruitment rules. Age limit can be relaxed, wherever necessary, subject to the lower age limit being 18 years of age. The educational qualifications may be relaxed temporarily upto a period of two years in the case of appointment at the lowest level, that is, Group D or LDC post in exceptional circumstances when the condition of the family is very hard. If the applicant does not qualify in this period, his/her service is liable to be terminated. Where a widow is appointed to a Group D post, she will be exempted from the requirement of the educational qualification of middle standard, provided the duties of the post can be satisfactorily performed without the prescribed qualification. A widow appointed on compassionate grounds can continue in service even after re-marriage.

(iii) In deserving cases, even where there is an earning member in the family left by the deceased in distress, compassionate appointment can be considered with the prior approval of the Secretary of the Department concerned, who should satisfy himself that it is justified, having regard to the number of dependents, the assets and liabilities left behind by the deceased Government servant, the income of the earning member as also his liabilities, including the fact whether the earning member is residing with the family of the deceased and whether he should not be a source of support to the other members of the family.

(iv) The total reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Physically handicapped persons and ex-servicemen, including carry forward reservation, together with compassionate appointments should not exceed 50 per cent of the vacancies available on any particular occasion.

(v) Belated requests for compassionate appointment, where the death took place long ago, say five years or so, should be examined with great circumspection, as the concept of compassionate appointment is largely related to the need for immediate assistance to the family on the passing away of the Government servant in harness.

(vi) A selective approach may be adopted to providing compassionate appointment to the more deserving. The appointments should be done in such a way that persons appointed do have the essential educational and technical qualifications and experience required for the post consistent with the requirements of maintenance of efficiency of administration. Besides taking into account the liabilities, number of dependents of the deceased Government servant and if there are earning members, whether they are living together or separately the assets also should be taken into account, keeping in view various improved benefits accruing to the family of the deceased, such as under the Employees Insurance Scheme, encashment of leave, GPF balance, Life Insurance policies, death gratuity, family pension and assistance from Compassionate Fund, if any.

The responsibility of considering compassionate appointment to the dependents of Defence Service Personnel dying in harness is with the Parent unit|corps|Directorate.

(b) to (d) The information is not readily available. It will be collected and placed on the Table of the House.

Narmada valley project

3155. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment about the social, cultural